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Applicant: Tomoshi Hirayama Attorney Docket No.: 09792909-5762

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A"**

SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments presented below.